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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of : February 21, 2002
V. Castelli, et al : Group Art No.: 2172
Serial No. 09/237,646 : Examiner: C. Truong
Filed: January 26, 1999 : for IBM Corporation
Anne Vachon Dougherty
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FOR RESPONSE (37 CFR 1.17(a))

Commissioner of Patents

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit a Petition for Extension
of Time for Response (37 CFR 1.17(a)). The period for
response to the Office Action in the above-identified

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application, which was set to expire on January 23, 2002, will now expire on February 23, 2002. Applicants include a check in the amount of \$110.00 as payment for the one month extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure